

BRAZILIANS ANSWER BOATGRAB OF AMERICAN FLEET

Natives Spend Their Days
in Gaping at Monster
Fighting Ships.

Torpedo Flotilla Arrives in Good Shape, But Men Are Tired.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18.—The people of this city stand in amazement at the spectacle the bay presents. Never before have so many ships of war ridden at anchor at one time in these waters, and the natives stand on shore, counting and pointing at each vessel until, fading from view in the distance, they try hard to discern the last of the vessels to arrive—the torpedo flotilla. Then they discuss with each other the revelation that has broken upon them, for, while realizing in a manner of the naval strength of the United States, they had but a faint idea of the awesome grandeur of the fleet assembled.

In addition to the sixteen United States battleships and the torpedo flotilla, the entire fleet of Brazilian warships and the German cruiser Bremen are anchored in the bay. Scores of small boats are plying between the ships and the shore, carrying thousands of men who have shore leave for the day. The city has given itself up to a gala time. Brazilians, Americans, Germans, and people of other nations are merry together. The best of feeling prevails, particularly with regard to the Americans, in the entertaining of whom the natives are enthusiastic.

Flotilla in Good Shape.

The torpedo flotilla, which arrived yesterday, is in good shape, with the exception of the Lawrence, which is in need of repairs to her machinery. The repairs are now being made. The crews were fatigued by the vibration of the vessels, the intense heat and the lack of sleep, but aside from need of a few days quiet, the men are in excellent condition. It was evident that the men on the flotilla are having a more severe time than the men on the battleships for the smaller vessels plunge heavily in the rolling seas.

While the men are enjoying themselves through the city, the officers are being entertained at garden parties, banquets, and sightseeing tours. It is almost impossible to describe the scenes in Rio today. There is a grandeur about the entertaining of our men that is strange to the people of this country. Refreshments are served along the lakes and on the walks. Bands play in the plaza and there is dancing on the lawn. Weird songs are sung in the cafes and dancing girls strive to outdo themselves. Tropical plants and intertwined flags add a beautiful touch of color to the general scene.

Band Concert Planned.

The bands from the Connecticut, the Georgia, the Minnesota, and the Alabama are coming ashore Monday, and will give the natives a taste of American music in the plaza. This day is the anniversary of the founding of Rio de Janeiro, and the celebration will be of an especial nature.

Two men were arrested yesterday, and returned to one of the American colliers, from which they tried to desert. They told a story of having been on the collier, and were being taken to the United States. The men were being taken to the United States, and were being taken to the United States.

U. S. S. Louisiana Sunk Is the Latest Rumor To Come From Wireless

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Another rumor of an accident to one of the United States battleship fleet now at Rio de Janeiro was brought to this city today by the steamer Advance. Its wireless apparatus last night picked up two messages saying the battleship Louisiana had been destroyed.

The first thing the passengers wanted to know was if there was any confirmation of the messages, and they were greatly relieved to hear there was none. Where the wireless messages came from could not be learned.

The first message read: "Magazine of battleship Louisiana exploded off Rio and all on board lost."

This was followed by a message reading: "Bollers of battleship Louisiana exploded off Rio and all on board lost."

The only explanation offered was that yesterday a rumor of the Connecticut destruction was being flashed by the wireless station and got mixed.

Cruiser Chicago Reports Her Arrival at Acapulco

Captain Doyle, commanding the cruiser Chicago, which has started on her cruise around South America, passing the battleship fleet, cabled the Navy Department this morning, that he had arrived at Acapulco, and that all was well.

The collier Caesar, one of the vessels that preceded the battleships to Rio de Janeiro, heavily laden with coals, has been emptied at that port. She sailed today for Hampton Roads.

Evans Wants Flotilla With Him in Passage Through the Straits

Admiral Evans, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, has requested permission of the Navy Department to take the torpedo boat flotilla, under the command of Lieut. Hutch C. Cone, with a fleet of fast destroyers, to accompany him to the Straits of Magellan. His request has been granted by the department, and consequently the United States Government will have to add its regrets to the Argentine Republic, whose invitation to have the flotilla visit Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, had already been accepted.

Admiral Evans made the request owing to the fact that the flotilla had

GOALS OF CANAL NOT PERFECTED BY COL. GOETHALS

Says Conditions May
Arise to Affect the Total
Expenditure.

Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, told the Senate Inter-oceanic Committee this morning that he did not care to go on record as predicting the canal would not cost over \$250,000,000 additional to the sum paid the French government.

In his testimony yesterday Colonel Goethals estimated \$250,000,000 as the probable cost of the canal above the purchase price. Cross-questioned by Senator Kittredge today he said he did not wish to put this down as a positive figure, and that the canal cost might run up to \$400,000,000. He thought, however, if there were no accidents and everything went as expected \$250,000,000 would about cover the expenditure.

Based on Excavation.

Colonel Goethals said that his estimate at the latter figure was based on accurate information as to the excavation to be done and the concrete to be laid. Information as to other work was estimated.

The committee questioned Colonel Goethals about the width of lock, the foundation of the Gatun dam, and various other matters.

As to the width of the lock, Colonel Goethals said he thought 110 feet, the width fixed upon by the French, was at least for the next twenty-five years. He pointed out that the Lusitania and Maratona are eighty-eight feet wide and that commercial vessels are not likely to exceed that width. He thought that war ships would not exceed 100 feet. At the same time, he said the locks would be made 125 feet wide if necessary. He thought so great a width would not be needed in this generation.

Gatun Dam Safe.

Discussing the foundation for the locks and dam at Gatun, Colonel Goethals said that he regarded them as absolutely safe. Water-bearing rock had been found under the central wall of the Gatun lock, but he did not regard this as any cause for worry. He said the water could be removed or cut off without difficulty.

Concerning the removal of the lock from the Miraflores locks, Colonel Goethals explained it had been done because it was possible to secure a better foundation, and that in a military way it was preferable to locate the lock at Miraflores.

FUNDS SOLICITED FOR UNEMPLOYED

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 18.—To provide relief for the worthy unemployed of Columbus, 800 women sold "Emergency Day" red tags in the streets and in offices and factories today. The tags indicated that the wearer subscribed and will not again be solicited.

They raised about \$10,000 in money besides donations of clothing and provisions. The relief movement is headed by Mayor Bond.

A permanent executive committee composed of men and women has been organized to devise means of relief and collect supplies.

"Emergency Day" collections will furnish funds for the beginning of the work.

An ordinance will be presented to council Monday for a bond issue to provide work for the streets and employ being made in every direction to furnish employment.

fallen so far behind its literary as to make it impossible for it to catch up. No steps will be made between Rio and Punta Arenas. It is probable the men of the flotilla, except a towing crew, will be placed on the collier Arcturion, and the little vessels will be towed by the battleships.

The departure of the flotilla called for a stop at Montevideo, but upon special invitation of Argentine Republic, and its president and people, orders were issued by the Navy Department to Lieut. Cone to take his fleet 120 miles further up the La Plata river to Buenos Aires, the capital. The Argentine people were enthusiastic over the expected visit. It was not known what form of apology will be made.

Torpedo Flotilla Made Ready To Resume the Long Cruise

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18.—With the torpedo-destroyer Lawrence under repair, machinery repairs and the Hopkins in dry dock for the shipping of a new propeller, the destroyer flotilla is being put in order as quickly as possible for a hurry trip to Magellan Straits, which it is hoped to reach as soon as the battleship squadron.

The intention is for the torpedo flotilla to sail January 21. The collier Arcturion, arrived today, will leave for Buenos Aires ahead of either the torpedo or battleship fleets.

REVIVED AT LAST Emaciated Woman Restored By Proper Food.

The amount of harm done from eating food which lacks the nourishing elements or is in such form that the system cannot absorb it, is much greater than many persons even suspect. The harm done is a constant sufferer from stomach trouble, constipation and neurasthenia, for the past 14 years," writes a Michigan lady, who has been cured of tired life, of everybody and everything.

"The best doctors and several weeks at a Sanitarium afforded only temporary relief. Finally an attack of the gripe caused me to give up hope of being better. My husband sent me weaker and more emaciated every day. At last, a doctor advised me to try some predigested food, as nothing would stay on my stomach. My husband sent for some Grape-Nuts, of which I ate a little with milk, and then awaited the usual results.

"My stomach did not reject this food, and from that time on for several weeks, I lived on Grape-Nuts and milk. I felt no pain whatever in my stomach, my health gradually came back and in five weeks I gained 25 pounds. I derived more strength from Grape-Nuts than I ever did from a meat and potato diet."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pinks.

WILEY FEELS RESIGNATION RUMOR

Second Assistant Postmaster
Says He Is Not After
Congress Seat.

Second Assistant Postmaster James T. McCleary was at the White House today, and presented a party of friends to the President.

After Mr. McCleary left the White House a report gained currency that he had announced his intention of resigning his position in the Postoffice Department, after his consultation with the President, for the purpose of again making the race for Congress in the Second Minnesota district, in which he was defeated at the last Congressional election on a high tariff platform. According to the report Mr. McCleary had announced his intention of making the race on the same sort of a platform this year.

Mr. McCleary was informed by a reporter for The Times of the nature of the report current. He authorized an emphatic denial, saying that he called at the White House to present some friends and that nothing was said about his resigning his place to make the race for Congress, and that he absolutely had no such plans in view.

CROSS PURPOSES AND CROSS-EYES

The tension between the two Nebraska Senators, Burkett and Brown, seems to have been lessened by a conference at which President Roosevelt was the chief spokesman, according to the latest reports.

For some time each Senator has endeavored to convince the President that his particular candidate for the vacant internal revenue collectorship in Nebraska should be appointed.

In summing up both Senators to meet him at the same time, the President followed the precedent he set some weeks ago in settling the South Dakota dispute by allowing Senators Kittredge and Gamble to draw straws for the offices.

No devices of chance were indulged in today, according to the report of the Senators, as they left the White House. They went away together laughing, saying that they had talked the whole matter over and would doubtless get to it.

"Burkett and I are like the two cross-eyed men who bumped together on the street," said Senator Burkett. "One said: 'I wish you would go where you are looking.'"

The other retorted: "I wish you would look where you are going."

VITAL RECORDS

Births.
Edgar W. and Mary F. Boyle, boy.
Irwin C. and Lulu S. Buckman, girl.
Daniel J. and Anna S. Barger, girl.
William J. and Catherine V. Farrell, girl.
Andrew and Antonette Galopin, girl.
Charles F. and Florence M. Lambert, girl.
Charles G. and Maggie M. McMullen, girl.
Richard and Kate Ragan, girl.
Dorothy and Ida M. Stone, boy.
Robert H. and Rosie Brown, boy.
James P. and Mabel Tait, boy.
James E. and Christine L. Daley, girl.
Elizabeth M. and M. D. Darby, boy.
Willie B. and Annie C. England, boy.
Viel C. and Elsie H. Hays, boy.
Robert and Elizabeth Jacobson, girl.
George E. and Ida M. Self, boy.
Andrew L. and Emmie E. Young, boy.

Marriage Licenses.
Ernest A. Hauser, New York city, and Dorothea Otto, Chicago.
Goldsmith M. Sigmund and Sadye Dressler, New York city.
Joseph A. Mussante and Ada V. Koch, Lawrence A. Whalen and Annie M. Howard.
Harry Schwartz and Annie Rubin.
Hazel Taylor and Irene Woodward.
Henry A. Donaldson and Cherry Ford, Fair Takoma.
Samuel C. Schamel, of Brunswick, Md., and Murtie V. Adams, of Baltimore.
John Dodson, of this city, and Donie V. Dyon, of Charleston, Md.
Frank P. Roy and Rosa E. Douglas.
Wilfred E. Guerrero and Sara F. McKenney, both of Richmond, Va.
Albert B. Cox and Hattie M. Carr, both of Carroll county, Va.
James E. Dewe, of Lehigh, Va., and Sarah V. Proctor, of Charlottesville, Md.
Joseph Nachman, of New York city, and Sadie Rose, of this city.
Foster S. Bryant and Ella M. Marshall.
Benjamin E. Samuel and Julia F. Carroll, both of Prince George county, Md.
Harry H. Brown and Josephine Brown, both of La Ham.
Norman Cooper and Mammie V. Williams.
Roland P. Skinner and Bessie E. Dunnington.

Deaths.
Charles C. Giffin, 70 years, 1938 First street northwest.
Mary A. Holloran, 22 years, 2315 Olive avenue northwest.
Helen B. Madison, 1 year, 812 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Sophia Melnick, 30 years, 802 Seventh street northwest.
William S. Mann, 54 years, 2015 Ninth street northwest.
Fred M. Ryan, 39 years, Providence hospital.
David Watkins, 75 years, Third and H streets northeast.
John Edwards, 1 year, St. Ann's infant asylum.
Catherine Dunne, 67 years, 1152 Morse street.
Felix McGee, 65 years, 1222 New York street northwest.
John W. Crawford, 40 years, 1902 G street northwest.
Hartwell N. Bartlett, 64 years, 333 Eighth street northwest.
Mary E. Keating, 65 years, 347 R street northwest.
Loretta T. Pett, 65 years, Third and H streets northeast.
Albert A. Coburn, 57 years, Langdon, D. C.
Irvine L. Lushy, 1 day, 502 D street northwest.

Died.
BOWMAN—On Friday, January 17, 1908, at 6 p. m., ALVA, daughter of Ida K. and H. Bowman.
Funeral from Vienna Presbyterian Church, Sunday, January 19, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Flat Hill Cemetery. J41-31.

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SHOTS MUST PULING OFF COAT

Young Maryland Student
Dying From Gunshot
Wound in Breast.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 18.—Lloyd Robinson, eighteen years old, son of Samuel Robinson, a student of Maryland Agricultural College, is dying at Western Maryland Hospital, from a pistol wound. Robinson had intended to leave for college this morning. He had been spending his vacation here with his uncle, C. S. Jenkins.

Last night Robinson walked in the back yard while F. L. Brewer, a friend went into the house. Brewer heard a shot. He found Robinson lying on the ground with his coat off. A revolver was near by. The bullet entered the left breast and penetrated a lung. When Robinson was in a conscious moment he said he had the revolver in his hand, and was removing his coat, when the weapon was discharged.

COL. RANDLE OBSERVES 48TH ANNIVERSARY

Col. Arthur E. Randle, president of the United States Realty Company, celebrated his forty-eighth birthday anniversary yesterday. Colonel Randle is a much younger looking man than the calendars attest, and is probably one of the most aggressive, enterprising and alert business men in Washington.

Born in Artesia, Miss., January 17, 1859, Arthur Emmett Randle early manifested a desire for a legal or business career. Because of poor health he abandoned law and devoted his time exclusively to studying business methods. His academic preparation was acquired at Shortledge Academy at Media, Pa., and he afterward earned a degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1889 the young man purchased the John Jay Knox farm, in the eastern section of the District of Columbia. He split the farm into subdivisions and sold them. He later sold the Knox farm to the United States Realty Company, which Colonel Randle directs, today owns one-fourth of all the real estate in the District, and controls its own street railway.

The Episcopal Church on Congress Heights and the ground on which it stands was given by Colonel Randle and Mrs. Randle.

SUGAR TARIFF IDEAS DON'T INJURE TAFT

That Secretary Taft's Presidential aspirations are not to suffer because of his position on the Philippine sugar tariff schedule, at least, in the State of Michigan, was made known today at the United States Realty Company, which Colonel Randle directs, today owns one-fourth of all the real estate in the District, and controls its own street railway.

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LIBRARY OPENING DELAWARE WEEK

After a conference this morning between Dr. W. C. Woodward, Health Officer, and George F. Bowerman, Librarian of the Public Library, it was announced that it had been decided between them that the library should remain closed until Monday, January 27, at 9 a. m. It is stated that this postponement of the opening of the library does not mean that any other case of smallpox has developed or is expected to develop, or that there would be any serious risk incurred in opening the library Monday, January 20, as at first announced. It is, however, that more complete safety will be assured to the public by keeping the library closed another week.

The task of thoroughly disinfecting the library building has been a big one, and has only just been completed. Such a process requires a thorough subsequent airing out of the building to dissipate the odor of formaldehyde gas. Some time is also required to accomplish the necessary after-cleaning of the building.

The enforced vaccination of the entire staff has, of course, resulted in sore arms. This condition will make it inadvisable to require employees to report for duty as soon as next Monday. It is expected that the employees will be required to begin work about the middle of next week. The arrears of correspondence, the checking of periodicals and the rearranging of books and such other accumulated work will fully occupy the staff for the remainder of the week.

Announcement is also made that no fines will be collected on books now in circulation until after February 1.

Meeting of Civic Society To Be In G. W. U. Law Bldg.

The trustees of the Public Library having postponed for a week the opening of the library, the annual public meeting of the Civic Society, Tuesday evening, January 27, will be held in the law and diplomacy building of George Washington University, 1429 H street.

As previously announced, the regulation of public-service corporations in Washington will be discussed by Frederick L. Siddons, Gen. George H. Harrier, J. Webster, and H. T. Newcomb, and brief department reports will be presented.

IOWA AVENUE RESIDENCE SOLD FOR WARDMAN

The two-story, detached residence, at 815 Iowa avenue, Saul's addition, was sold this week to C. L. Rousseau, who will occupy the property as a home. The sale was made for Harry Wardman by N. L. Sansbury, real estate broker.

"AT HOME WITH THE GRIP."

This is so general that in many offices and mercantile houses business is almost suspended. The epidemic may yet break the record of that of 1889, the worst in history. If you are drowsy, languid or low-spirited, if you have headache, backache, or are feverish, don't delay, take a dose of Hood's Pills to move your bowels and bring treatment with Hood's Sarsaparilla, the foe to the grip germ in the blood, and the best appetizer, stomach tonic and strength-giver.

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Church Notices.

NEW CHURCH.—Sixteenth and Corcoran sts. N. W.—Rev. Frank Sewall, D. D., pastor, will preach at 10 a. m. Sunday school, 12:15 p. m. "Who Was Swedenborg," second lecture by Rev. Julian K. Smith, of New York City. Search the Soul!—The profoundest honor for the character and work of Emanuel Swedenborg. I have gained much from his writings.—Phillips Brooks, It.

BEREAN BIBLE CLASS.—Meeting January 19 at 7:30 p. m., in Pythian Temple; 34 first, rear hall. Christians cordially invited; no subscription. Pront topic, "The Bible and Publications of Watch Tower. Bible and Tract Society may be obtained. It.

EVANGELICAL Christian Science Church.—Scottish Rite Hall, 1067 G St. N. W. Services, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning lecture by Bishop Oliver C. Sablin, "Teaching How to Heal the Sick. Subject of evening lecture by Miss Martha E. Van Vleet, "The Difference Between Evangelical Christian Science and New Thought." Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Seats free, all invited. It.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.—First Church of Christ, Scientist, 14th and R sts. N. W. Services, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning lecture by Miss Martha E. Van Vleet, "The Difference Between Evangelical Christian Science and New Thought." Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Seats free, all invited. It.

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